THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) Government has constituted a Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) in December, 2004 to advise the Government on strengthening, reviving, and restructuring of sick Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs). Till November, 2006, the Board has considered 44 proposals and given its recommendations in respect of 38 and the remaining 6 proposals have been remitted back to the concerned administrative Ministry for additional information. Out of the 36 cases recommended for revival by BRPSE, the Government has approved revival of 20 sick CPSEs.

Surplus estate with HEC, Jharkhand

2969. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Heavy Engineering Corporation of Jharkhand has vast real estate and its maintenance is very poor, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the reasons for not giving back that land to the tribals from whom they have taken this land;

(c) the reasons for HEC not able to procure huge orders and do financially well; and

(d) what restraints HEC has to procure huge orders and execute and make profit with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY, MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Company was provided 7199 acres of land for establishment of factory premises and township. Company has been able to maintain its township and factory premises.

(b) Land for establishing the company was acquired by State Government and the company had paid the due sum to State Government, which in turn was paid to the owners of the land. The revival package in respect of the Company, approved by the Government, envisages transfer of commensurate land to Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) for settlement of their dues and to the State Government of Jharkhand for settlement of outstanding dues of Jharkhand State Electricity Board (JSEB) etc.

(c) HEC was primarily set up to manufacture machinery for the steel industry from where the expected orders did not flow in the 80s and 90s. However, presently the company has orders worth Rs. 709 crpres in hand.

(d) Due to market competition, obsolete technology and working capital shortage, HEC has had difficulty in procuring large orders. With assistance from Government and proposed revival package the order position is improving.

Revival of HPFMC

2970. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a private agency was engaged to examine the viability of Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Ltd. as recommended by the Parliamentary Committee;

(b) if so, whether the agency has submitted its report together with the details; and

(c) whether Government would take a favourable view to protect the livelihood of the employees of HPF?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY, MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (c) As recommended by the Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry (Rajya Sabha), M/s Ernst & Young, has been engaged as a consultant to examine the viability of Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Ltd. The consultant has been asked to submit the final report early for taking a view by the competent authority.

Sick PSUs in Rajasthan

2971. DR. CYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Centre/State PSUs lying sick in Rajasthan;

(b) whether Government have chalked out any plan to revive these sick PSUs;